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I am the 1<sup>st</sup> May - I got your letter today - also  
a long & cheerful one from Richard written  
from Austin, Laramie County, Nevada which  
he writes to be his address in future, as it will  
not be greatly far from Lone City, Nye Co.  
even if he should settle in the latter place, for  
it is on the way by the roads from San Fran-  
cisco to Lone and is a much longer & more circuitous  
place & better known. He seems to be getting away  
tryng to open up the land, and for one that enjoys  
enlightenment & shows great persistency in  
suberty to the prospect of a long barachue from  
both. I am sure I hope the poor fellow may succeed  
in the long run.

This 10<sup>th</sup> June is Alfred's 31<sup>st</sup> birth day. If  
Richard writes for the book you name which I have  
lent him to write to me about, try to think it  
can come safely I would not be particular about  
a trifle in the price of it. It may be that he will not  
want it at all but he will be the best judge.

As to the animas of Wm & R. Philibrook. in the  
present unhappy situation, that is an consideration  
of the facts of the matter are another. Presupposing all  
as to agree with your view because they are men, &  
to place great confidence in the integrity of their chapt  
men, Mr. Garrison & J. Henry I cannot see that  
Slavery is dead - or that the passing of the Constitutional

amendment will kill it effectually. Harvey will die hard. Cooper may pass laws but the people must carry them out. Who are the people to whom the execution of the law abolishing Slavery must be entrusted? Are they not the white ~~but~~ of the South who are by all the testimony I have seen, absolutely忠實 to the U.S. government. How so long as they are to be the administrators of the government in the South shall slaves have the Slave or the poor black of every & justice of liberty. I see that President Johnson has told some colored people that he would have the slaves of the South the Negro should have votes to the loyal states or one at least of the states. Now if there are no loyal states how are the loyal blacks likely to fare? It seems to me that there would have been an advantage in continuing their efforts as a party for the Standard in which they see the work is more completely accomplished - and that our efforts made would be more likely now than the old organization & with the old friends than in any other way. As long as there is a numerically powerful proslavery party at the North the colored people with South need see the countenance they can get & I fear, apart from them there is an immense number who dislike them and who yield to their emancipation rather from necessity than from a sense of justice. - Unfortunately I am not a sagacious body, so I may take a too gloomy view of the future & the "ullen submersion" of the disloyal but unconverted Southerners may turn out more humane abolitionists sooner than I anticipate. As to the withholding the resolution of thanks from Johnson & Sumner it was a pitiful blunder - but still it was also the blunder of ~~the~~ only & had to be much thought of. I suppose some of those people were honest bigots & they cannot do much mischief. Still it is much

I have regretted that there should have been  
the unpleasance at the end of such a  
long course of even if devoted & heroic labours.

I could not have thought of troubling you with  
any of the pecuniary affairs of the Standard  
under its present management, and I have  
not been applied to in our way respecting it. I shall  
be very sorry when I come to come for I have no  
means of obtaining such full & satisfactory informa-  
tions in any other way. I think P. Pillsbury recom-  
mends the Commonwealth as the best Anti Slavery  
paper but I was not born a party with him. Every  
paper I ever look back to has with some reservation  
for the previous & prepossessions of the editor & author, &  
then I would be sure to keep in mind with such a man  
as Pillsbury who has a fond way of looking at things &  
has probably been swayed by domestic circumstances.

It seems very lamentable that between such  
a wonderfully gifted man as Phillips and Garrison, Young,  
the Western Friends anything should have arisen to  
mar your long continued harmony. Certainly there were  
many indications in the late Presidents early administra-  
tion to try the faith & patience of abolitionists. I often  
thought that you did not allow sufficiently for doubt  
& difficulties which disturbed us whilst we were plainly  
mealy about them tomorrow. You expected us to have  
full faith that all would come right whilst you found  
it hard enough to believe. Then being so, I cannot  
imagine that some who either the one is not  
presented up to be convinced & who refuse to review  
and lay down their arms until they see full proof  
that the nation is repentant ~~and~~ ~~and~~ towards  
the Slave as well as victorious over the Southern

I do not in the least consider that Davis & Co have as  
heavy a chain on you seem to think. They have played  
a tremendous game & lost it. They have caused a pro-.

gions waste of life and property - they must have  
had it in their power to prevent the revolt of men  
des by cold & starvation of Union soldiers. I have  
nothing to say on their behalf. Still I do wish rather  
they were not hung, partly for the sake of the United  
States being able to show a glorious example to the rest  
of the world in this crisis. As to Lee he is as bad as  
the rest, but how can he be tried his honor was fully  
accepted. I suppose that to try Sherry such a man  
would be contrary to the customs of civilized nations.  
I know that the Austrians hanged the Hungarian  
generals who ~~were~~ surrendered to the Russians in  
1849 - but the Americans are neither Americans nor  
Europeans. You see that if the Southern leaders had  
been such men as Hindon they had behaved so treacherously &  
cruelly & cruelly that they had betrayed their trust in him  
inasmuch they would have a poor chance - but then  
the Americans are likely to be more ~~treacherous~~ & ~~cruel~~  
victors than the English under similar circum-  
stances. - Your Review was a grand affair - it is a  
good thing to have witnessed it. I find a full  
account in todays Mercury examined from the  
Correspondent. All the news that will come for some  
time to come will be full of interest. I wonder how  
I will bear with those haughty Hancholden. Was  
not Wade Hampton a very great Hancholden?

I have told you the name of the writer  
who signs himself X in the Advocate. He is a  
clever young man, & with his two brothers, has  
become an enthusiastic partisan of the South  
to the neglect of his mother, a very bright &  
gifted woman who is a subscriber to the Standard  
and my most intimate home Correspondent &  
friend.



I have been exceedingly puzzled by the tendency  
of the sympathy of well educated Irish informed  
young men toward the South. Their success & the  
values of the rebels had naturally attracted I  
suppose at the outset & thus their sympathy  
was secured. I never felt an atom of this  
but I am not young. Still I am amazed  
that the open and frank and unfeigned  
sympathy of the Southern Agents did not keep all Gene-  
ral men from uniting them with. That the  
ignorant should have worshipped success is  
no wonder. Yet I would has many of a dis-  
fident class have given heart & soul with the  
South. Still it is true that in public meetings  
the bray of the beaten have been by the  
North & Ireland & Northern Ireland he thought  
he was in New York he was so clapped & cheered  
when he mentioned the name of Sherman.  
It was very remarkable how predominant the  
Northern feeling was. I observed a late other-  
times remark what I have repeatedly noticed  
- that the Southern agents at the antislavery were  
wonderfully active, and successful in buying  
up or winning over in some way of others the  
agents which influenced public opinion in  
their countries. But why go over the ground so  
often.

I am truly sorry to have told you all  
so poorly. How revised I would be if  
you could come over for the benefit of  
your health & then we should have such  
talks together. I hear from talk of  
W. T. F. coming. If it true why he comes,  
and what you know beforehand. Miss  
Cotton is very desirous to know.

You speak of your son being wealthy.  
I know what is notorious matter this is,  
having Richard still so long abroad on the  
world without any certainty of a  
settlement.

Your ever affectionately

Ruth D Webb

I think I will wait a while till the  
Lehrhae Record is finished. Alfred  
wishes me to say he is much obliged  
to you for the last. He is "bound on  
the groove" wherein else may go astray.